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19, POZNAN

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1. THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE POZNAN HAVE CONSULTED POLISH
AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES CONTAINED IN REF.

2. FAIR AUTHORITIES GREATLY PREFER THAT WE CONSTRUCT AN
ENTIRELY NEW PAVILION SEVERAL TIMES THE SIZE OF PAVILION 19.
THEY CITE THE JUST-COMPLETED BRITISH FACILITY AS AN EXAMPLE
OF WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DO. THEY ADMIT, HOWEVER,
THAT EVEN IF THE U.S. ALREADY HAD THE MONEY APPROPRIATED, THE
NEW BUILDING WOULD NOT BE READY UNTIL THE 1979 FAIR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO STAGING OUR EXHIBITION IN PAVILION 26,
POLISH AUTHORITIES SAY THIS MAY BE POSSIBLE, BUT AGREEMENT WOULD
HAVE TO BE REACHED WITH THE SWISS AS WELL. APPARENTLY THE SWISS
HAVE A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT ON USE OF PAVILION 26, BUT MIGHT BE
WILLING TO TAKE PAVILION 19 IN EXCHANGE. THIS COULD CAUSE
PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, SINCE THE SWISS THIS YEAR USED 3,500 OF THE
6,000 SQUARE METERS OF 26 AND MIGHT FIND THE 1,600 SQUARE METERS
OF 19 TOO CONFINING. THE 2,500 METERS OF 26 NOT USED BY THE SWISS
THIS YEAR WERE RENTED TO THE POLISH CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND ARE
ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WITH LESS THAN OPTIMAL
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ACCESS. IN ADDITION, DUSEX SLIWICKI EXPLORED 26 MORE FULLY
AFTER THE POZNAN FAIR CLOSED AND DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF DIS-
ADVANTAGES, WHICH HE CAN EXPLAIN PERSONALLY.

4. THE ALTERNATIVE OF TEARING DOWN PAVILION 18 AND EXTENDING
19 OUT OVER THE ROADWAY TO INCLUDE THE GROUND NOW OCCUPIED BY
18 IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THE FAIR AUTHORITIES ARE WILLING TO

CONSIDER. THEY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WRE NOT SURE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE UP THE ROADWAY OR WHETHER THE MONEY THEY WERE PREPARED TO SPEND ON THE MEZZANINE PLUS THE ALREADY-APPROPRIATED U.S. FUNDS WOULD COVER THE COST OF THIS OPTION. THEY ALSO DID NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORK. POLISH OFFICIALS SHOWED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR CONSIDERING WHAT SORT OF RENTAL REDUCTION MIGHT BE GIVEN US UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

5. GOP OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING THE VARIOUS OPTIONS FURTHER AND SHOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION FOR US SOON. IN THE MEANTIME, THEY ARE POSTPONING WORK ON THE MEZZANINE UNTIL THEY HEAR FURTHER FROM US.

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